

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE
MINUTES APRIL 11, 2018 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Antczak , Gayle Conger, Allen Ereksen, Max Evans, Jerri Harwell, Jim Kichas, Sylvia Orton, Carol Woodside

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Melinda Hortin,

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Peterson, CH City Mayor; Tali Bruce, City Council Liaison; Angie Abrams, Storiagraph; David Amott, Memorial House in Memory Grove Park (Preservation Utah)

Welcome. Max Evans welcomed the group and introduced the special guests, Mayor Mike Peterson, Angie Abrams, and David Amott.

ILS Survey Report. Angie Abrams began the meeting by giving a final report on the 17 properties surveyed for her ILS project. She distributed a two-page handout showing property *Summary Statistics and Addresses/Ownership Information*. The buildings included in her survey were older (built 1920-1950), but not from the pioneer era. They were categorized as *Significant/Contributing (10)*, *Non-Contributing/altered (6)*, *Out-of-Period/too young (1)*. Three of the non-contributing buildings were the most interesting. However, they had been altered so much over the years they could not be included. Also listed were seven *Eligible and Significant Properties*, which, she said, would be likely candidates for inclusion on the National Register. Some of the buildings were discussed in detail.

Two buildings of special interest were the two Mori homes located on the south side of Bengal Blvd. & 2300 East (across from City Hall). Angie stated the Mori house on the west is older and more significant historically than the house to the east. Discussion is underway with the City concerning demolishing these homes to put in a Round-About Intersection to handle the traffic flow from several streets. Gayle Conger has been invited by Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to sit in on these discussions to represent the historical significance of the buildings.

Angie has supplied additional detail with photographs of the buildings she surveyed. She thanked the group for the opportunity to participate in capturing the colorful history of the community.

David Amott/Preservation Utah. David said his purpose in being here today was to introduce himself. After listening to the discussion so far, he complimented the committee on being well run and vibrant. He felt our group could be a model for History Committees in other cities and asked if he could occasionally bring guests to our meetings to watch us in action. He is specifically interested in the Holladay Group, as they are writing a history of their City, but are not progressing very rapidly. They are working semi-independently from City Government, have not applied for any grant money, and are not particularly interested in preservation projects. David feels if their chairman could attend one of our meetings, he could get some good ideas to move their project along. Max Evans expressed our group's opinion that we would be happy to share our expertise.

Book Committee Progress. Max Evans reported the Book Committee (Max, Gayle, Jerri, Sylvia), in conjunction with the editors, have completed editing all the chapters of the book. The following next steps to get the book to press and calculate ultimate expenses are underway. **Book length (approx. 400 pages).** Initial approximate calculations, using the word count and a standard formula have determined the book's body will be 349 pages, with 100 Illustrations and a 35-page Appendix. **Layout/typesetting.** This process usually done by same company. One company has given a cost estimate for a book our size of \$3,000. We also have estimates from two other companies. **Indexing.** Our editor also does indexing, and it is anticipated she would give us a good quote. **Printing/Binding.** We would like to schedule this cost to be paid from next year's budget to take advantage of the anticipated \$10,000 ZAP Grant for which we applied. The ZAP Grant will pay for a significant portion of the printing/binding cost.

Looking at a June 30 deadline to have funding determined, Mike suggested we quickly get costs more closely determined, and have Tali schedule a financial presentation to be given to the full council to get a placeholder into the City's 2018/2019 budget year.

City Council Report. Mike gave a brief report on Council activities. With the addition of two new council members, everyone is getting to know each other and learning to work well together. They are in the process of budgeting for the next fiscal year, and are also re-prioritizing lots of funding areas, including volunteer committees. Mike reiterated his long 7-year association with the Historic Committee and his understanding of all the Committee's achievements, keeps our priorities uppermost in his mind. He reminded us to keep Thinking Big and Working Hard!

ShakeOut Event. Tali reminded the group about the upcoming earthquake preparedness "ShakeOut" event to be held April 14. This is held in conjunction with a state-wide Utah ShakeOut, and data from the exercise will help gauge readiness and help develop future disaster plans. The drill will include a Red Cross disaster shelter simulation at the CH Rec Center and a simulated Emergency Operations Center at City Hall. It was mentioned that Cottonwood Heights has a very good national rating in this event.

Old Mill. Mike complimented Tali on again raising the issue of the Old Mill with the Council.

Book Photograph Permission Progress. Carol circulated a handout and reported only two signed permission slips have not yet been received. However, agreement has been given verbally for the two permissions. After meeting with the Book Committee, the photographs/maps have been assigned to chapters. There is a lot of interest in the community about knowing when the Book will be available to the public. Discussion ensued about ways to advertise the book to the public, including Newsletter, billboard, mailout.

Archive Initiative Update. Jim Kichas reported the goal is to Build the archive level to a standard where we are not just responsive to new information coming in, but are also proactive and go out to identify, and collect items. In February Jim proposed a three-phased project (1) Administrative framework, (2) Assess current collection, (3) Application of Future Collecting Plan. Jim has been looking at models and currently has a Mission Statement, Scope of collection, timeframe, kind of materials needed, professional standards aspiring to, available resources, and processes (assure donors info is being received, well cared for and available to others). **Jim is presently concentrating on Phase 1.** He will

report to the committee at the next meeting. Mike commented this framework becomes very important as membership on the Historic Committee changes, as it provides continuity.

Other Business.

Butlerville Days. Gayle reported for Sylvia regarding the 2018 Butlerville Days Celebration. The City is trying to get the event on the same weekend every year and in 2018, it will be held Monday 7/23/18 (setup in morning, booth open 5:00-8:30 p.m.) and Tuesday 7/24/18 (booth open noon – 8:30 p.m. with preparation before and cleanup after). Sylvia will let us know exact timing. **Staffing.** *We really need all committee members to help in the booth this year.* Last year there were only four members in the booth, and it was very tiring. **Signage** at the event entrance was discussed and the following was suggested: *“Learn more about the heritage of those hearty Pioneer Families who settled our area over the first century. Photo display located at the south end of the park near the Classic Cars.”* The wording was changed slightly, as the time span covered by the display was more than a century (1848 – 1953).

David Amott asked if someone could stay after the meeting to give him more information about the History Book which is being written. Gayle offered to stay and speak with him.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.